

## Little Rock Air Force Base celebrates 50 years with Retiree Appreciation Day and Reunion Dance

The Little Rock Air Force Base Retiree Activities Office will help celebrate the base's 50th anniversary with a Retiree Appreciation Day and Reunion Dance September 10.

**Retiree Appreciation Day** activities will take place in the base's Conference Center, Building 1030. The opening ceremony will kick off the events beginning at 8 a.m. More than 100 exhibits by private and military organizations will be on display both in the Conference Center and in the Thomas Communities Activities Center located across from the Base Exchange.

Additionally, the 314th Medical Group and other health organizations will offer health screenings for retirees and their spouses at the TCAC.

In commemoration of its 50th anniversary this year, Little Rock AFB will hold a **Reunion Dance** in the Consolidated Club, Building 1080 here for former base members September 10 starting at 5:00 p.m.

Little Rock has hosted a variety of missions including bombardment, reconnaissance, missiles, and now airlift training. Many units have called the base home, including the 70th Strategic Reconnaissance Wing, the 384th Bombardment Wing and the 825th Air Division, which were the first operational units here.

While the Reunion Dance is free, those interested in attending must RSVP by July 31, to the Little Rock AFB Retiree Activities Office by calling 501-987-6095, 1-877-815-3111 or emailing [retireeaffairs@littlerock.af.mil](mailto:retireeaffairs@littlerock.af.mil).

## ***Combat-Related Special Compensation (CRSC) for Certain Combat-Disabled Uniformed Services Retirees***

This program provides special compensation for military retirees who have a qualifying combat-related disability and who have their military retired pay reduced in order to receive VA disability compensation for those qualified disabilities.

**ELIGIBILITY.** Persons who are retired with at least 20 years of service for the purpose of computing retired pay, or who are receiving Reserve Component retired pay based on 20 or more years of creditable service, meet the basic eligibility requirements. In addition, those meeting the basic eligibility requirements must have a disability that is compensated by the VA and was incurred: (1) as a direct result of armed conflict; (2) while engaged in hazardous service; (3) while performing duty simulating war; or (4) through an instrumentality of war.

The amount of compensation paid to a member under this program is equal to the amount of retired pay offset due to VA disability compensation that is attributable to a qualifying disability listed above. Members must apply for this benefit.

For more information contact the Retiree Activities Office on Wednesday's 0730-1130 and 1300-1500 hours. Call 501-987-6095, 1-877-815-3111 or email your question to [retireeaffairs@littlerock.af.mil](mailto:retireeaffairs@littlerock.af.mil) . We have a qualified person that will assist you in reviewing your disabilities and maybe increasing them and making application.

## CONCURRENT RECEIPT BENEFITS

The Department of Defense has two programs designed to reduce the reduction in retired pay due to receipt of VA compensation, for certain disabled retirees. Both programs have specific eligibility requirements.

### ***Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments***

This program was implemented January 1, 2004 in accordance with a schedule provided by law. It provides for a 10 year phase out of the reduction in retired pay of an eligible member who receiving VA compensation rated 50 percent or higher for either a service-connected disability or combination of service-connected disabilities.

**ELIGIBILITY.** The Program automatically applies to the following: (1) active duty members who are retired for length of service; (2) Reserve retirees, age 60 or older, eligible to receive pay; and (3) those retired for disability as long as they have at least 20 years of active service.

Concurrent Retirement and Disability Payments are taxable to the same extent as a member's military retired pay is taxable.

The phase out began with a fixed rate in 2004 based on percentage of disability. In each year, 2005 through 2013, a graduated percentage of the remaining offset is added to the amount the member receives in monthly retired pay. The reduction in retired pay for members rated between 50 and 90 percent is fully eliminated in 2014.

For more information contact our office on Wednesday's to talk to our qualified VA assistant at 501-987-6095, 1-877-815-3111 or email [retireeaffairs@littlerock.af.mil](mailto:retireeaffairs@littlerock.af.mil)

## Lost Your Military Records?

You should have your DD Form 214(s) or NGB Form 22(s) Report of Separation, and other documents which indicate your military service, to include date of service, awards and character of service. These documents should be stored in a safe place and readily available if needed for VA/Social Security and in the event of death to be buried in a National Cemetery or state cemetery. DO your survivors a favor and be certain to original or certified copies are available. DON'T wait till the day before you need them. It takes 2 or 3 months to get records from the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis, MO. Arkansas Army National Guard members can get their records from Camp Robinson and Arkansas Air National Guard records can be obtained at the Little Rock Air Force Base. If you need to obtain an official copy, contact the Retiree Activities Office, 501-987-6095, 1-877815-3111 or email [retireeaffairs@littlerock.af.mil](mailto:retireeaffairs@littlerock.af.mil) The office is open from 0700 – 1600 hours Monday thru Friday. We can go online in the office to request your records.

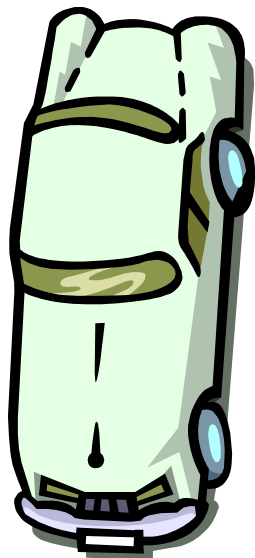
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## UPDATE YOUR DEERS

You can update your DEERS information at the following locations:

Arkadelphia AR (870)246-9862; Fayetteville AR (479)442-5789; Ft. Smith 188th Air National Guard (479)648-1212; Ft Chaffee (479)484-2242; Camp Robinson (501)212-5035; Camp Pike (501)771-7333 and (501)771-2579; Pine Bluff Arsenal (501)540-3030; Barksdale AFB, LA (318)456-2276; Ft. Leonard Wood, MO (573)596-0744; Millington Naval Support Center (901)874-7355; Little Rock AFB, AR 501-987-6831; Arkansas Air National Guard Little Rock AFB,AR (501)987-6703. Be sure and call to find out times

# VEHICLE REGISTRATION



Vehicle registration will be processed at Bldg. 1255 on Sept. 10 from 8 a.m. to noon.

If your vehicle is not registered on Little Rock Air Force Base, you can do it at the Visitor's Center at the main gate during hours 7 a.m.-10 p.m. 7 days a week.

All decals must be renewed periodically and DO expire. Adjacent to the decal is a small tab with the expiration year. If your decal has expired, simply record the decal number and bring the required items when you come to renew. The year sticker expires in December of the year shown.

ITEMS REQUIRED: Current ID card, current driver's license, current vehicle registration and proof of insurance.

## ***Shop the Commissary, Base Exchange, Class VI***

Shop the Commissary, AAFES and Class VI Store. Enjoy special pricing and prizes all day long for retirees. Shop the Class VI Store Bldg. 1035 Arnold Drive Shoppette for specials, prizes and tasting. Hours will be 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Additional Services in Office**  
**VA Rep: Wednesdays 7:30-11:30 a.m.**

## **Lunch at the Razorback Café, Deer Run Golf Course, Bowling Center or Burger King**

*Lunch at the following locations on base:*

*Razorback Café, Bldg 864*

*Deer Run Golf Course, Bldg 1075, 10:30  
a.m.-3 p.m*

*Bowling Center, Bldg. 956, 10 a.m.*

*Burger King, Bldg. 789, 9 a.m.*

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Hours: Monday-Friday, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.